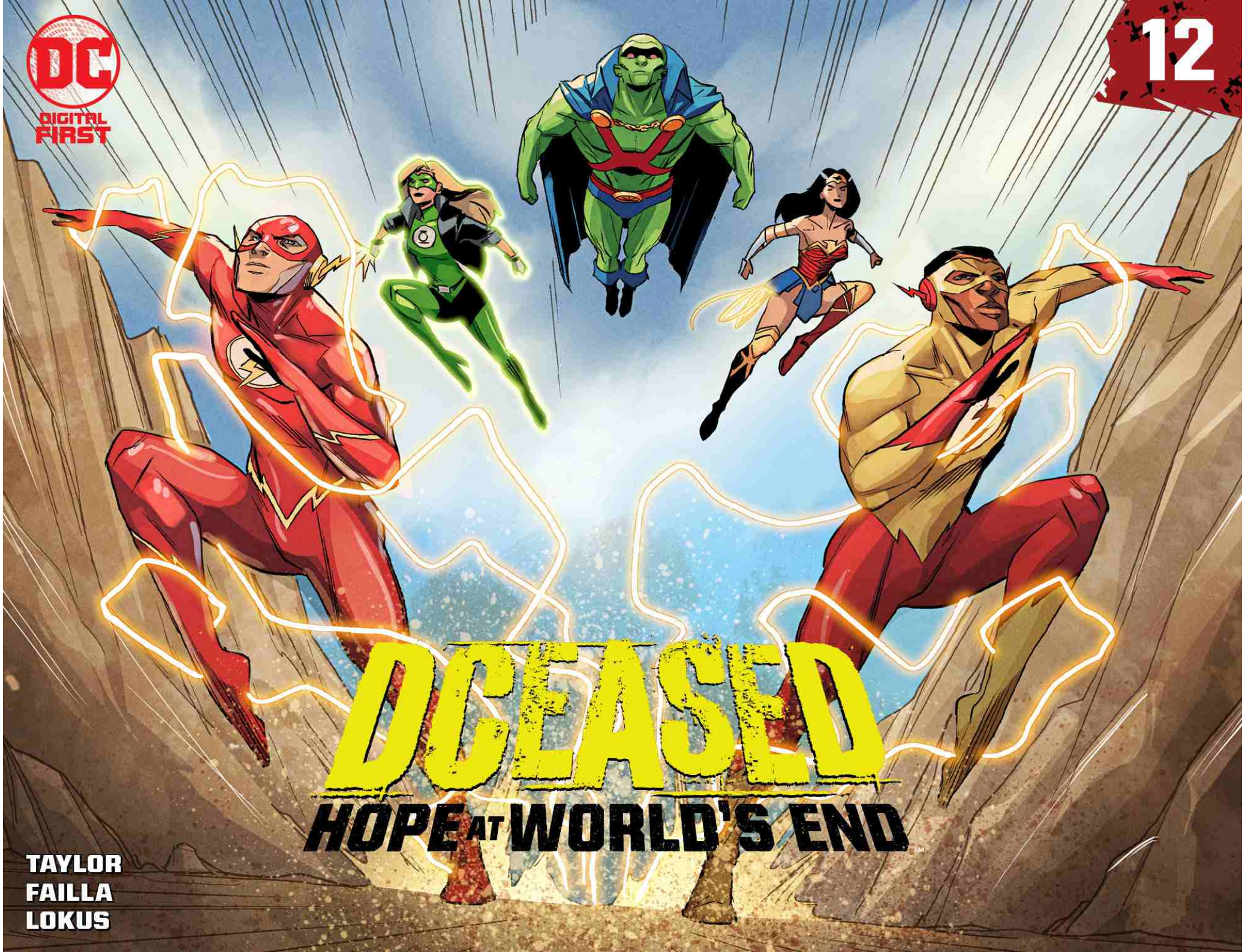
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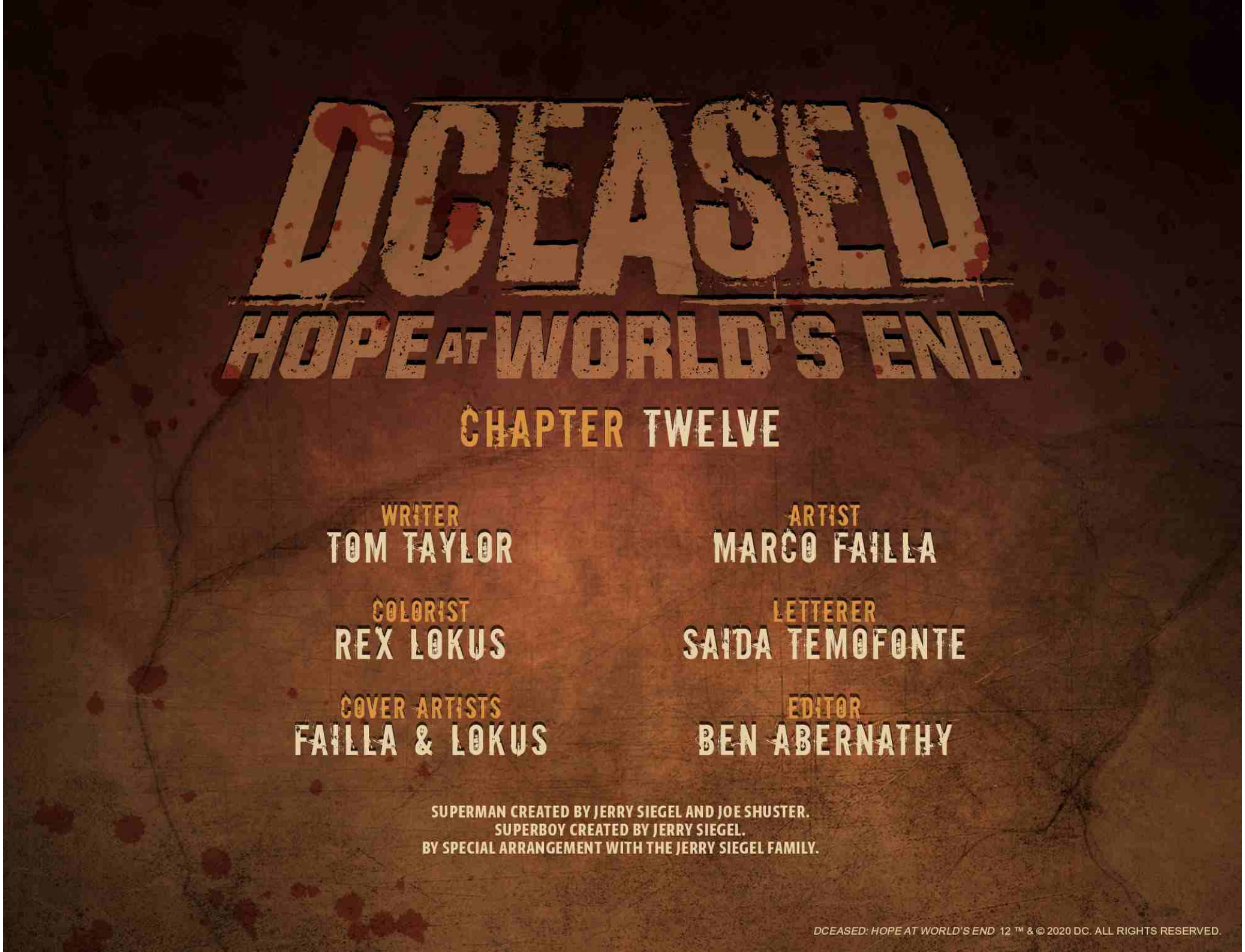

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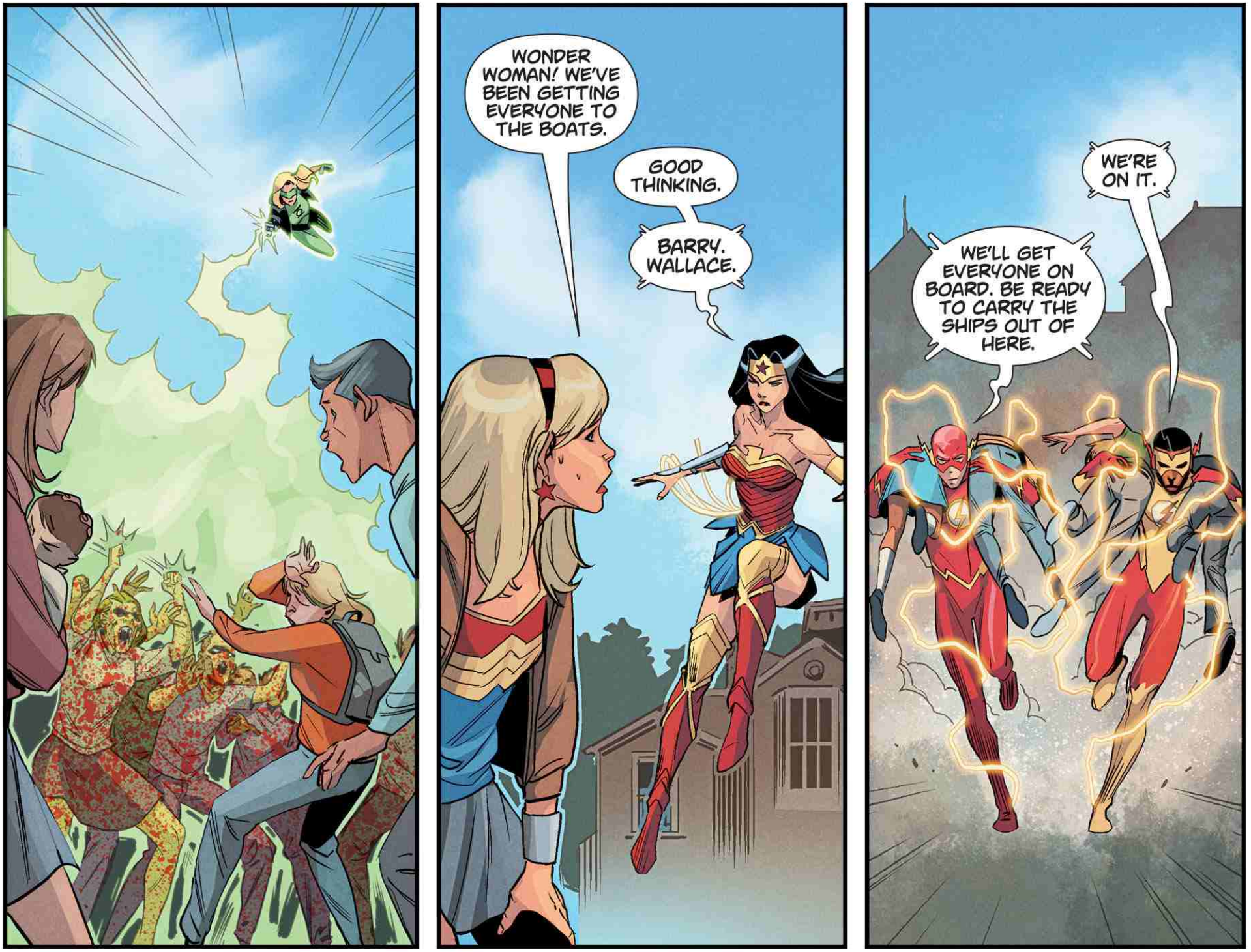
TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE THREATENED ON NANTUCKET ISLAND.
WHOOO

DINAH.
WALLACE.
BARRY.
DIANA...

...WE'RE NEEDED.

DAMIAN. THE LEAGUE ARE HERE!
AND YOU SAID WE WERE DOOMED.
I NEVER SAID WE WERE DOOMED.
MAYBE NOT WITH YOUR WORDS, BUT YOU SAID IT WITH YOUR BODY LANGUAGE.
WHAT?
YOU WERE DOING YOUR PESSIMISTIC BAT-SLUMP.
I DON'T BAT-SLUMP.


WONDER WOMAN! WE'VE BEEN GETTING EVERYONE TO THE BOATS.
GOOD THINKING.
BARRY. WALLACE.
WE'LL GET EVERYONE ON BOARD. BE READY TO CARRY THE SHIPS OUT OF HERE.
WE'RE ON IT.

J'ONN. THANK YOU FOR COMING.
WHERE'S BLACK ADAM?
I HIT HIM. HARD.
IT SHOULD TAKE HIM A WHILE TO GET BACK UP, BUT WE NEED TO GET EVERYONE ON THE SHIPS AND GET OUT OF HERE...

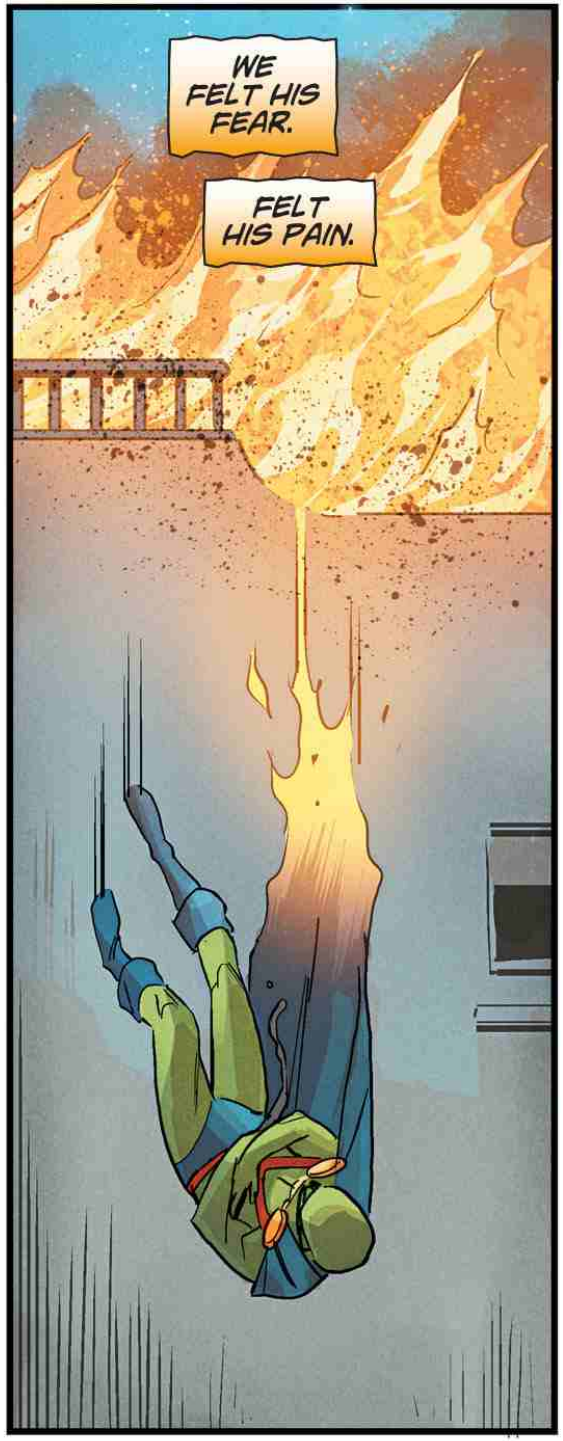
"...WE CAN'T RISK ANY OF OUR HEAVY HITTERS BEING TURNED."
COME ON. EVERYONE ON THE BOATS.
STILL DETERMINED TO FACE THE APOCALYPSE ALONE, BLACK MANTA?
OR WOULD YOU CONSIDER A LIFT OUT OF HERE?
HRRR.

DAMIA--
ZZZZZ

MOVE!
KOOM
KRAKOOM

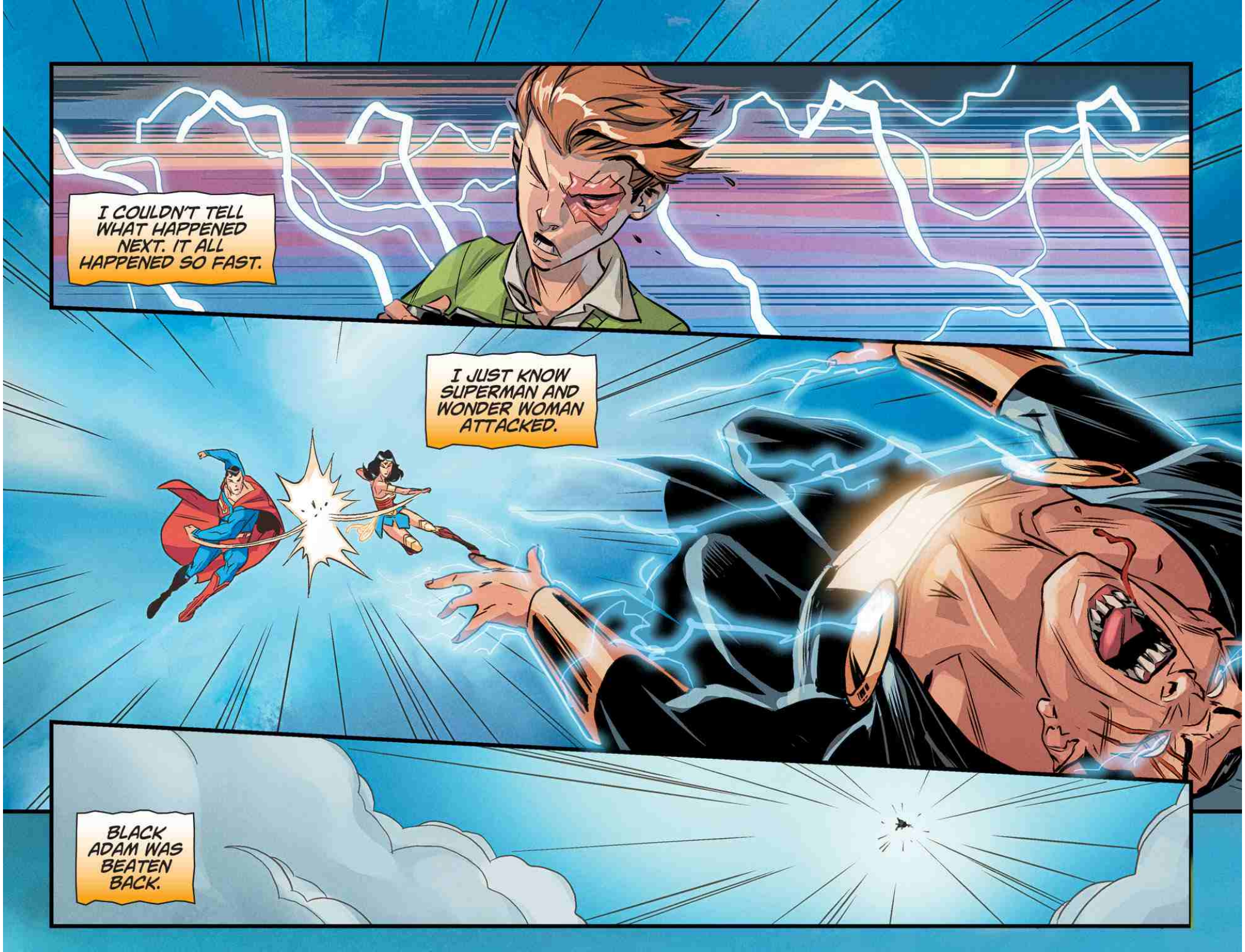
MARTIAN MANHUNTER'S ONE WEAKNESS WAS FIRE.
BUT HE DIDN'T RUN.
HE OPENED HIS MIND AND CALLED OUT. WE ALL HEARD IT.
IS ANYONE ELSE HERE? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HE STAYED BEHIND, FACING HIS GREATEST FEAR, TRYING TO DRAW ANY SURVIVORS TO HIM.

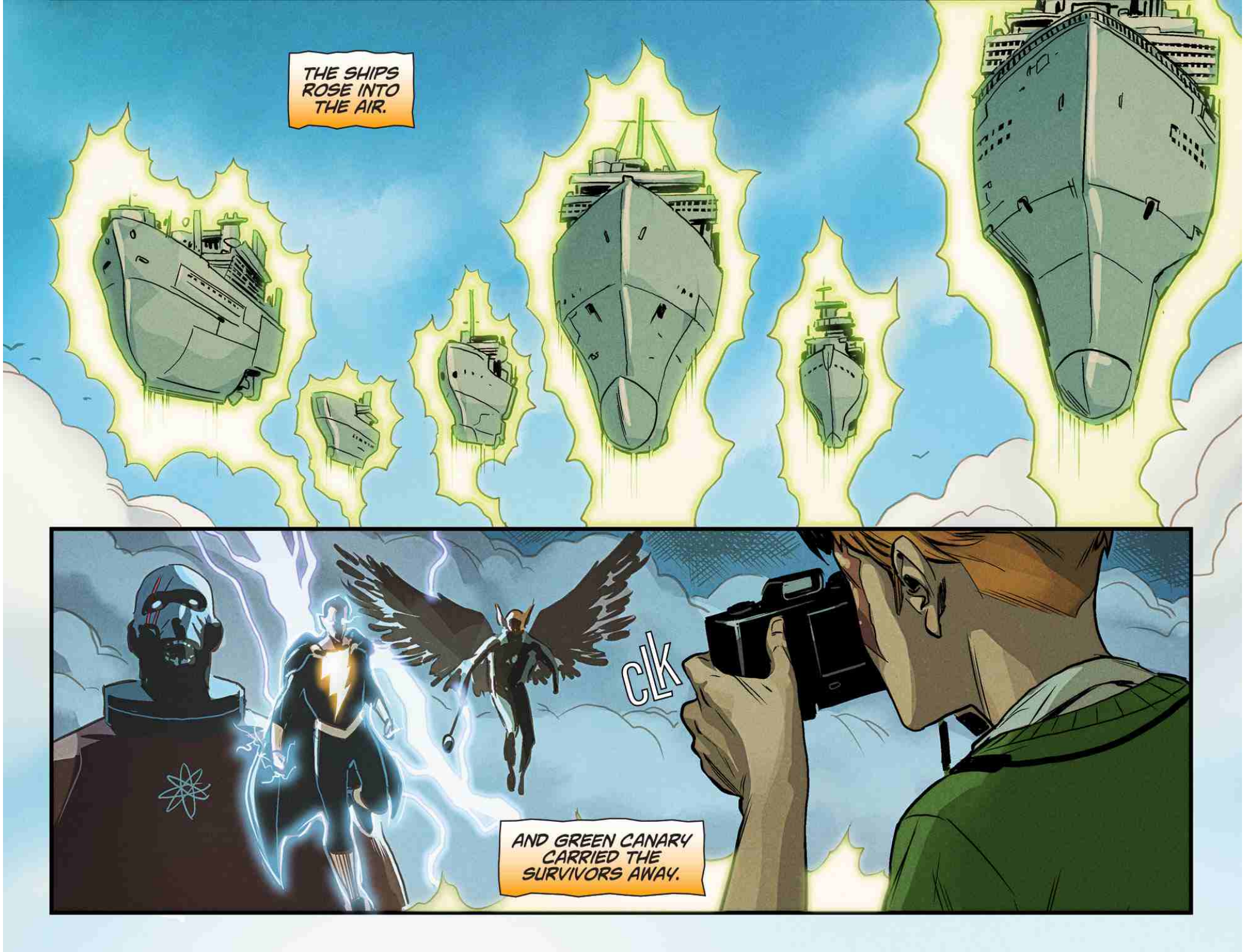
BUT SOMETHING ELSE CAME.
HRRR.
WE ALL FELT IT.


WE FELT HIS FEAR.
FELT HIS PAIN.

WE FELT HIM PHASE INTO THE SEABED, MOVE DOWN THROUGH THE EARTH.
HIS LAST THOUGHT, TO SAVE US FROM WHAT HE KNEW HE WAS ABOUT TO BECOME.

AND THEN, J'ONN J'ONZZ WAS JUST GONE.


I COULDN'T TELL WHAT HAPPENED NEXT. IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST.
I JUST KNOW SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN ATTACKED.
BLACK ADAM WAS BEATEN BACK.


THE SHIPS ROSE INTO THE AIR.
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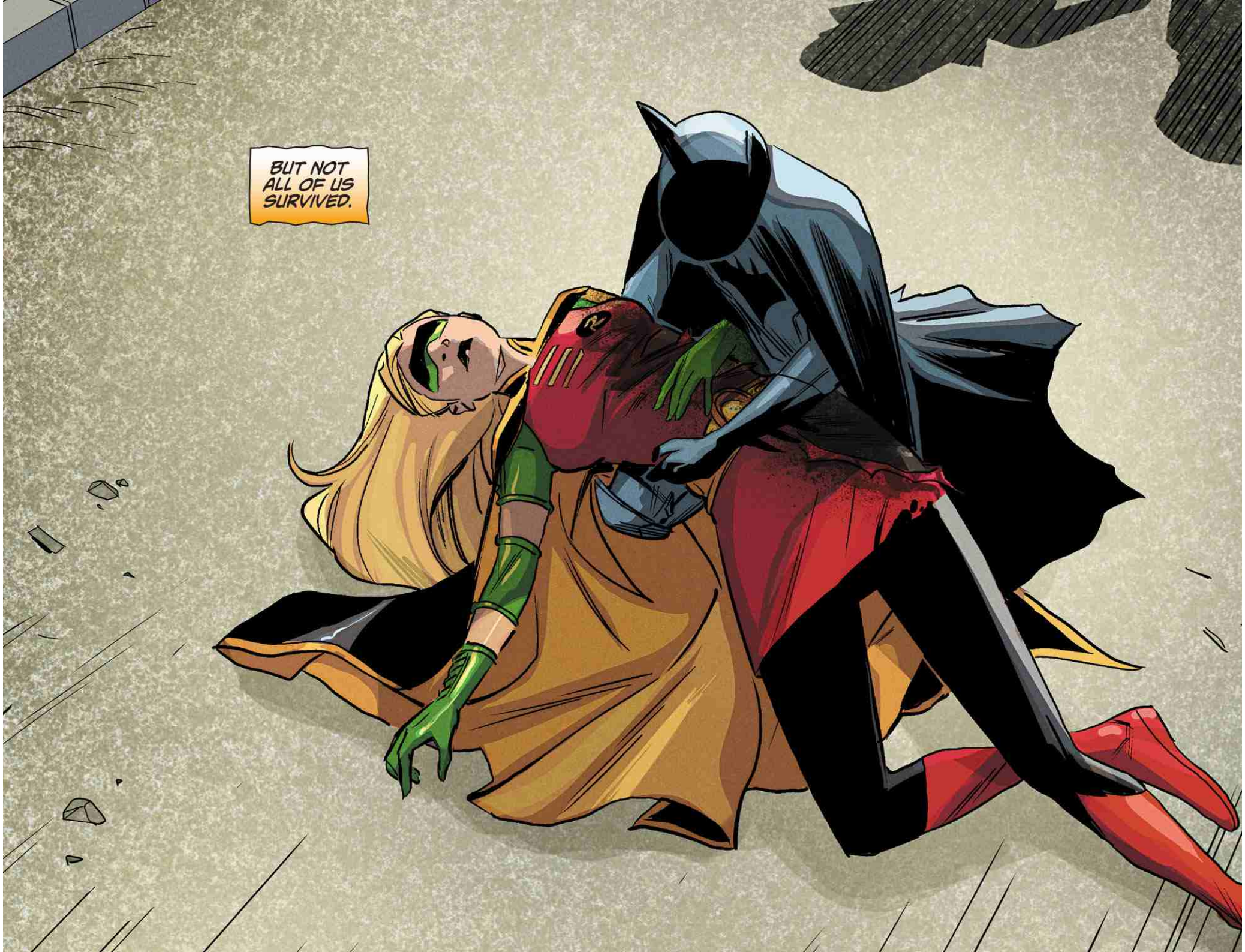
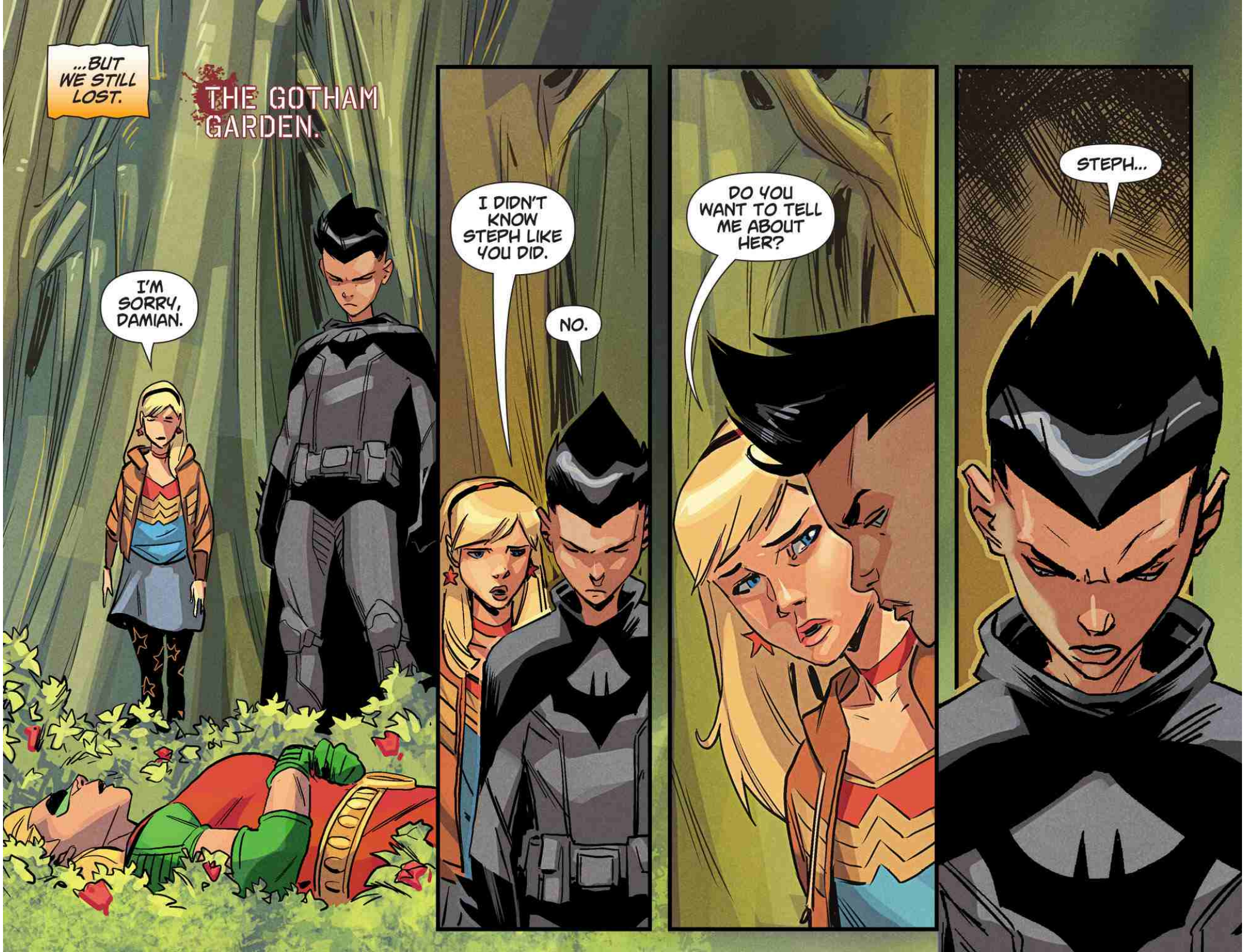
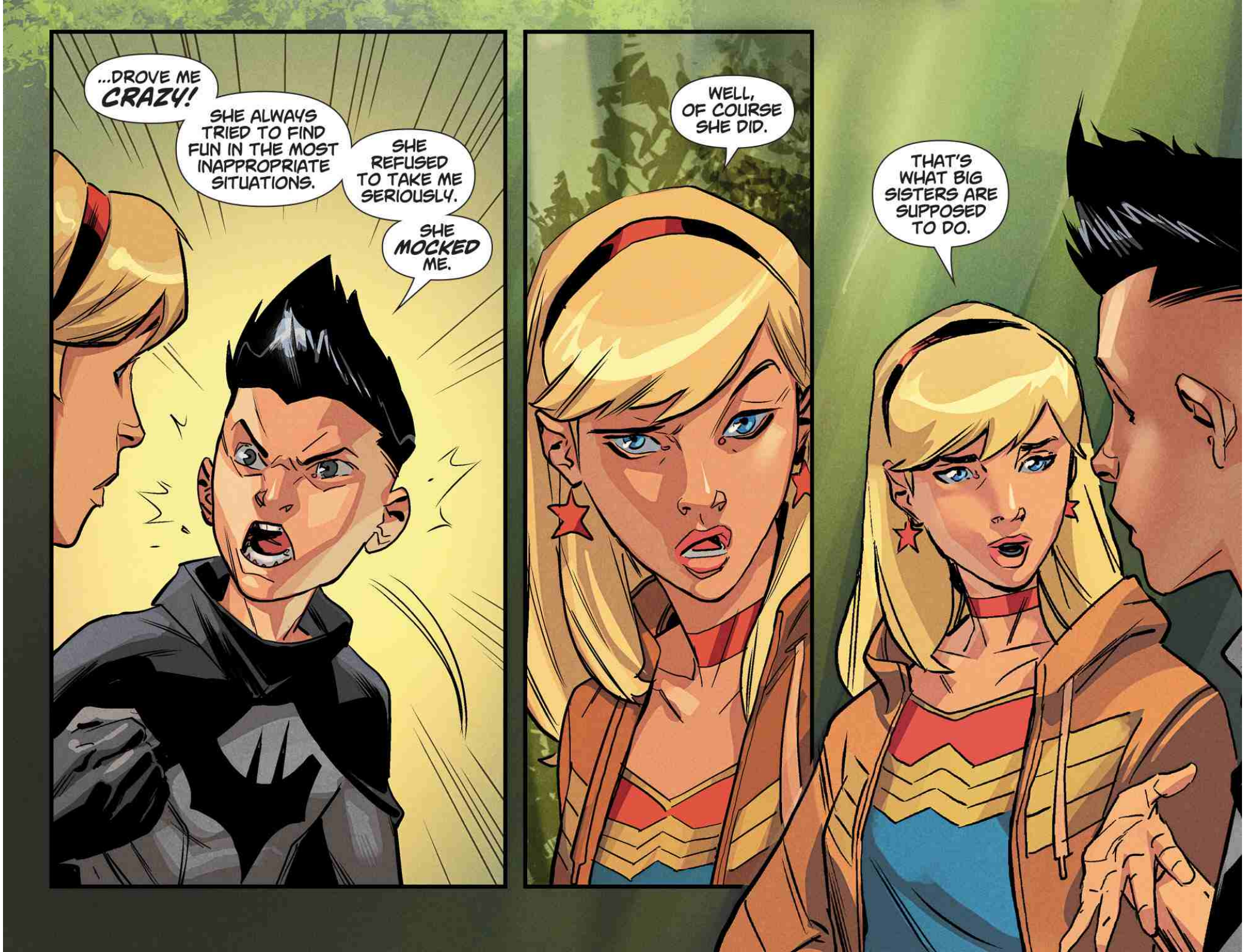
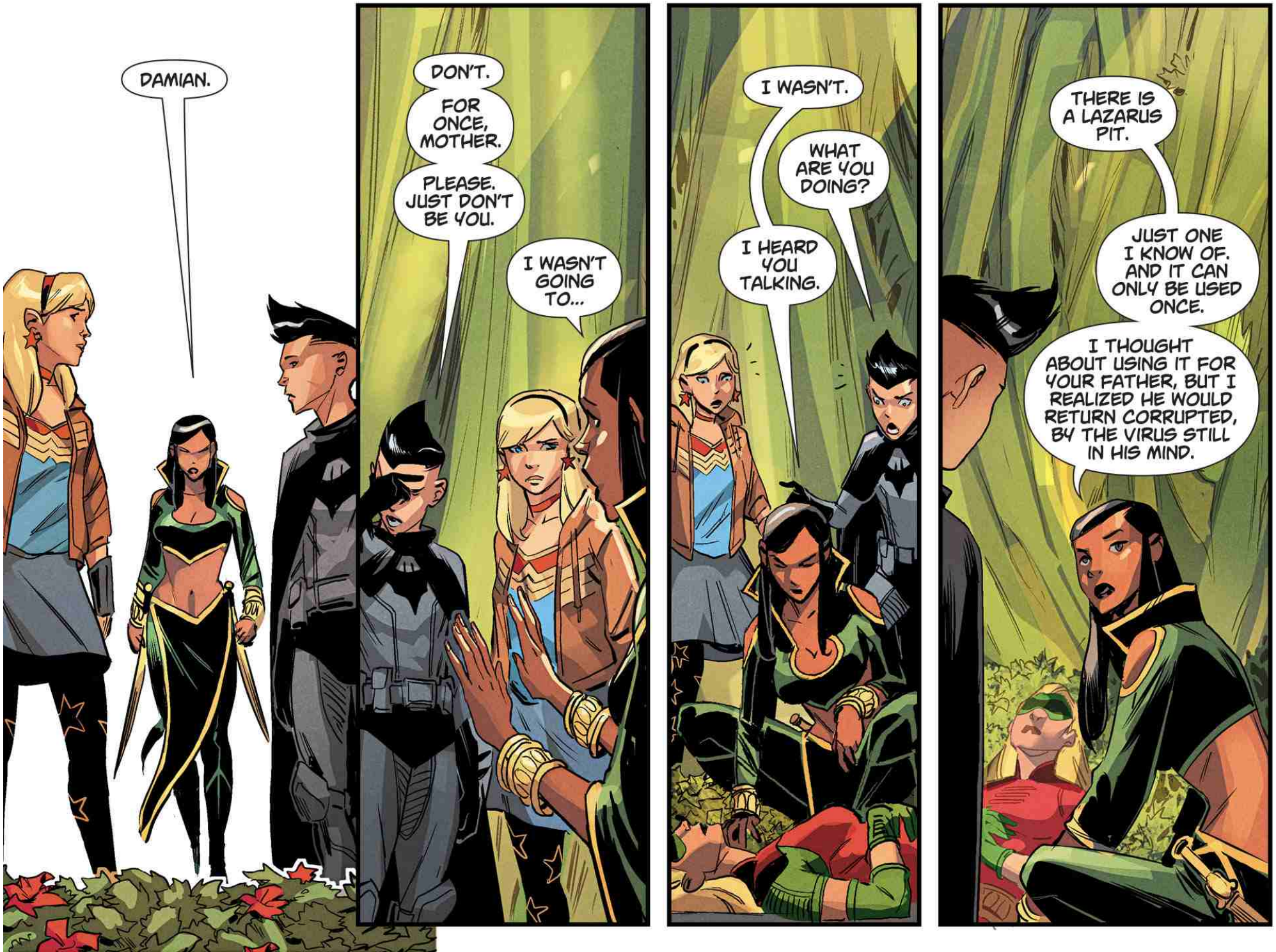
AND GREEN CANARY CARRIED THE SURVIVORS AWAY.

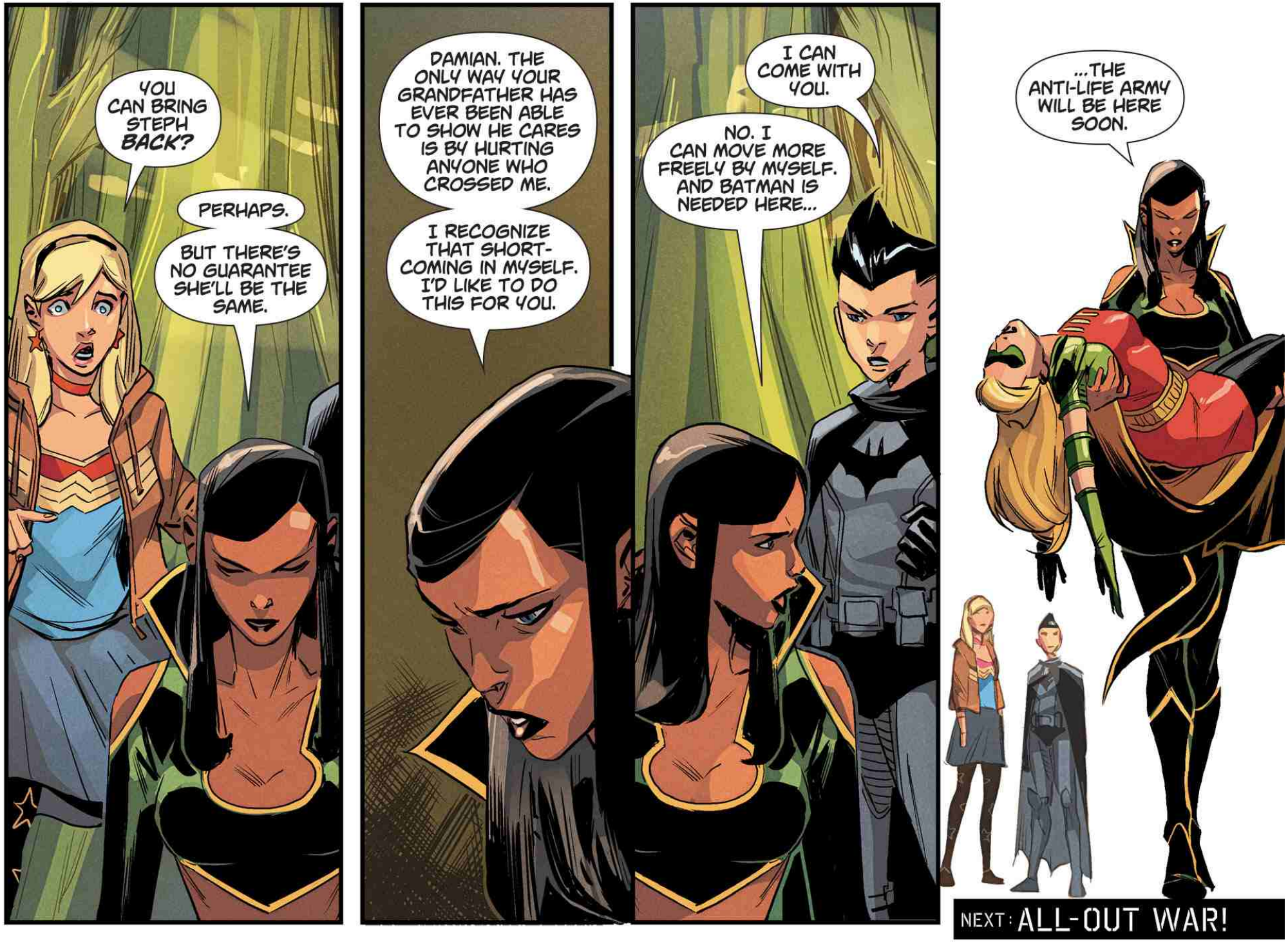

BUT NOT ALL OF US SURVIVED.

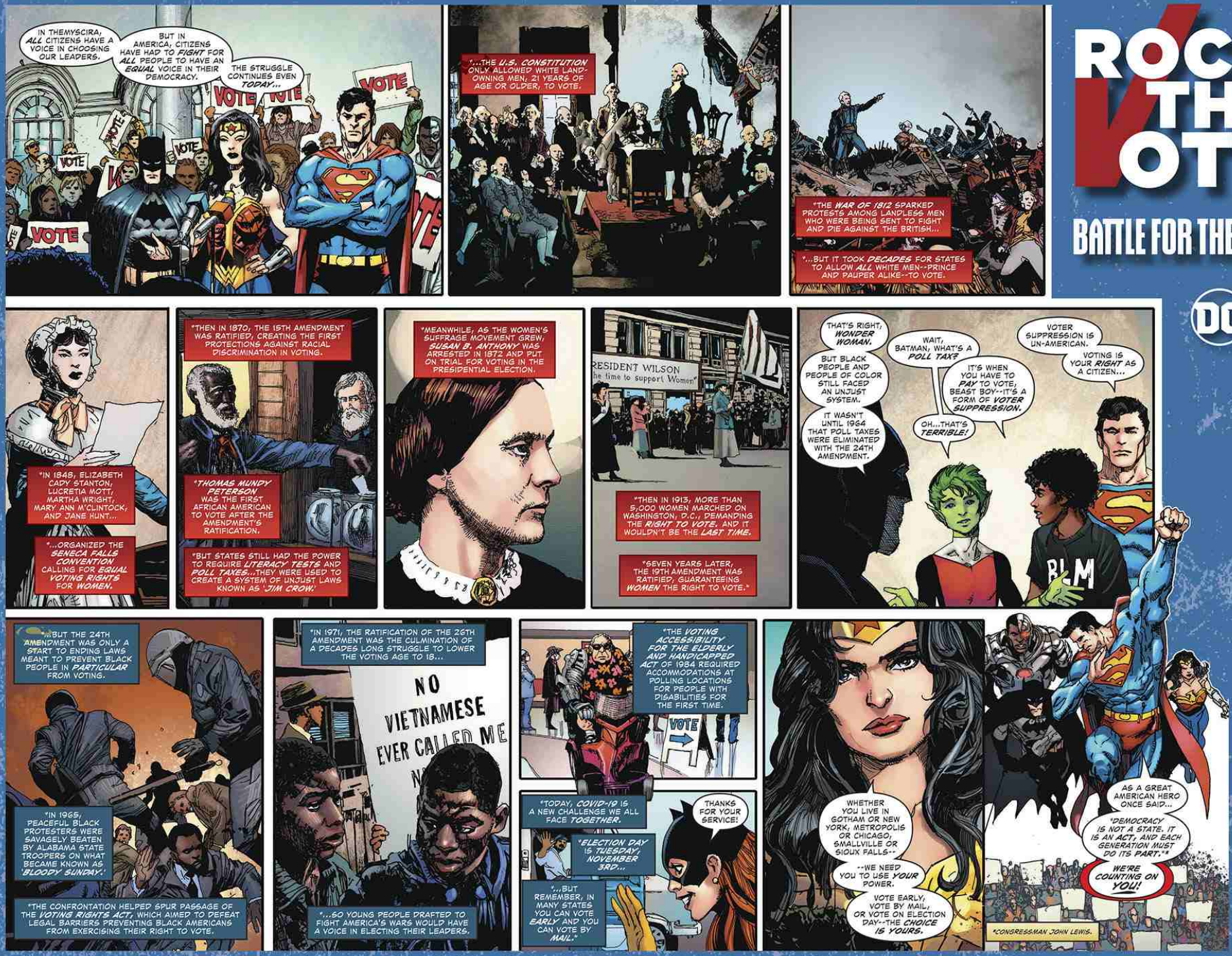
DAMIAN. WE NEED TO LEAVE.
I CAN TAKE HER FOR YOU.
TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE SAVED...


...BUT WE STILL LOST.
THE GOTHAM GARDEN.
I'M SORRY, DAMIAN.
I DIDN'T KNOW STEPH LIKE YOU DID.
NO.
DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME ABOUT HER?
STEPH...


...DROVE ME CRAZY!
SHE ALWAYS TRIED TO FIND FUN IN THE MOST INAPPROPRIATE SITUATIONS.
SHE REFUSED TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.
SHE MOCKED ME.
WELL, OF COURSE SHE DID.
THAT'S WHAT BIG SISTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.


DAMIAN.
DON'T.
FOR ONCE, MOTHER.
PLEASE. JUST DON'T BE YOU.
I WASN'T GOING TO...
I WASN'T.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I HEARD YOU TALKING.
THERE IS A LAZARUS PIT.
JUST ONE I KNOW OF. AND IT CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.
I THOUGHT ABOUT USING IT FOR YOUR FATHER, BUT I REALIZED HE WOULD RETURN CORRUPTED, BY THE VIRUS STILL IN HIS MIND.


YOU CAN BRING STEPH BACK?
PERHAPS.
BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE SHE'LL BE THE SAME.
DAMIAN. THE ONLY WAY YOUR GRANDFATHER HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO SHOW HE CARES IS BY HURTING ANYONE WHO CROSSED ME.
I RECOGNIZE THAT SHORT-COMING IN MYSELF. I'D LIKE TO DO THIS FOR YOU.
I CAN COME WITH YOU.
NO. I CAN MOVE MORE FREELY BY MYSELF. AND BATMAN IS NEEDED HERE...
...THE ANTI-LIFE ARMY WILL BE HERE SOON.
NEXT: ALL-OUT WAR!


IN THEMYSCIRA, ALL CITIZENS HAVE A VOICE IN CHOOSING OUR LEADERS.
BUT IN AMERICA, CITIZENS HAVE HAD TO FIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE TO HAVE AN EQUAL VOICE IN THEIR DEMOCRACY.
THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES EVEN TODAY...
VOTE
"...THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ONLY ALLOWED WHITE LAND-OWNING MEN, 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, TO VOTE.
"THE WAR OF 1812 SPARKED PROTESTS AMONG LANDLESS MEN WHO WERE BEING SENT TO FIGHT AND DIE AGAINST THE BRITISH...
"...BUT IT TOOK DECADES FOR STATES TO ALLOW ALL WHITE MEN--PRINCE AND PAUPER ALIKE--TO VOTE.
ROCK THE VOTE
BATTLE FOR THE VOTE
DC
"IN 1848, ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, LUCRETIA MOTT, MARTHA WRIGHT, MARY ANN M'CLINTOCK, AND JANE HUNT...
"...ORGANIZED THE SENECA FALLS CONVENTION CALLING FOR EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR WOMEN.
"THEN IN 1870, THE 15TH AMENDMENT WAS RATIFIED, CREATING THE FIRST PROTECTIONS AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING.
"THOMAS MUNDY PETERSON WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO VOTE AFTER THE AMENDMENT'S RATIFICATION.
"BUT STATES STILL HAD THE POWER TO REQUIRE LITERACY TESTS AND POLL TAXES...THEY WERE USED TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF UNJUST LAWS KNOWN AS 'JIM CROW.'
"MEANWHILE, AS THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT GREW, SUSAN B. ANTHONY WAS ARRESTED IN 1872 AND PUT ON TRIAL FOR VOTING IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
RESIDENT WILSON
he time to support Women"
"THEN IN 1913, MORE THAN 5,000 WOMEN MARCHED ON WASHINGTON, D.C., DEMANDING THE RIGHT TO VOTE. AND IT WOULDN'T BE THE LAST TIME.
"SEVEN YEARS LATER, THE 19TH AMENDMENT WAS RATIFIED, GUARANTEEING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE."
THAT'S RIGHT, WONDER WOMAN.
BUT BLACK PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR STILL FACED AN UNJUST SYSTEM.
IT WASN'T UNTIL 1964 THAT POLL TAXES WERE ELIMINATED WITH THE 24TH AMENDMENT.
WAIT, BATMAN, WHAT'S A POLL TAX?
OH...THAT'S TERRIBLE!
IT'S WHEN YOU HAVE TO PAY TO VOTE, BEAST BOY--IT'S A FORM OF VOTER SUPPRESSION.
VOTER SUPPRESSION IS UN-AMERICAN.
VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT AS A CITIZEN...
BLM
"BUT THE 24TH AMENDMENT WAS ONLY A START TO ENDING LAWS MEANT TO PREVENT BLACK PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR FROM VOTING.
"IN 1965, PEACEFUL BLACK PROTESTERS WERE SAVAGELY BEATEN BY ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS ON WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS 'BLOODY SUNDAY.'
"THE CONFRONTATION HELPED SPUR PASSAGE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, WHICH AIMED TO DEFEAT LEGAL BARRIERS PREVENTING BLACK AMERICANS FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE.
"IN 1971, THE RATIFICATION OF THE 26TH AMENDMENT WAS THE CULMINATION OF A DECADES LONG STRUGGLE TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO 18...
NO VIETNAMESE EVER CALLED ME
"...SO YOUNG PEOPLE DRAFTED TO FIGHT AMERICA'S WARS WOULD HAVE A VOICE IN ELECTING THEIR LEADERS.
"THE VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT OF 1984 REQUIRED ACCOMMODATIONS AT POLLING LOCATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE FIRST TIME.
VOTE
"TODAY, COVID-19 IS A NEW CHALLENGE WE ALL FACE TOGETHER.
"ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD...
"...BUT REMEMBER, IN MANY STATES YOU CAN VOTE EARLY AND YOU CAN VOTE BY MAIL."
THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!
WHETHER YOU LIVE IN GOTHAM OR NEW YORK, METROPOLIS OR CHICAGO, SMALLVILLE OR SIOUX FALLS--
--WE NEED YOU TO USE YOUR POWER.
VOTE EARLY, VOTE BY MAIL, OR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY--THE CHOICE IS YOURS.
AS A GREAT AMERICAN HERO ONCE SAID...
"DEMOCRACY IS NOT A STATE. IT IS AN ACT, AND EACH GENERATION MUST DO ITS PART."*
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
*CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS.

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